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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RH, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: RICHARD REACTION TO ANDREW YOUNG COMMENT

REF: JOHANNESBURG 159

1. REQUEST YOU SEEK IVOR RICHARD OUT AND CONVEY TO HIM
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CORRECT IMPRESSION WHICH WAS
APPARENTLY LEFT ON RICHARD BY PRESS DISTORTIONS OF YOUNG'S
TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 25. SHOULD YOU BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE, YOU HAVE
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TOO MUCH OF HIS INQUIRY. MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

2. DEAR AMBASSADOR RICHARD: I REGRET GREATLY THAT THE
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MY REMARKS AT MY CONFIRMATION HEARINGS CAUSED YOU TO

BELIEVE THAT I INTENDED ANY CRITICISM OF YOUR ARDUOUS EFFORT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. THIS WAS CERTAINLY NOT MY INTENTION. MY REMARKS WERE PART OF A LONG AND EXTEMPORANEOUS REPLY

TO A QUERY ABOUT THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION IN THE WAKE OF IAN SMITH'S REACTION TO YOUR PROPOSALS. THE BASIC THRUST OF THESE REMARKS WAS THAT RHODESIA IS NOT THE ONLY INTERESTED PARTY IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONTEXT AND THAT THERE IS ENOUGH BASIC INTEREST IN A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ON THE PART OF ALL CONCERNED THERE, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, TO GIVE US HOPE THAT WE CAN REACH THE GOAL OF MAJORITY RULE BY PEACEFUL MEANS. MY CONCLUSION WAS THAT IN THE LONG TERM A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WOULD PREVAIL.

3. I HAVE ONLY THE GREATEST ADMIRATION FOR YOUR PERSEVERANCE IN THE DIFFICULT TASK YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AND HAVE SO FAITHFULLY PURSUED WITH THE FULL SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF MY GOVERNMENT. I AM PLANNING TO GO TO AFRICA MYSELF FOR A BRIEF VISIT TO TANZANIA AND NIGERIA IN RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS I HAVE RECEIVED. MY PURPOSE IS NOT TO NEGOTIATE BUT TO LISTEN, AND I WOULD BE MOST HAPPY IF I COULD START THE TRIP, WHEN I STOP IN LONDON ON FEBRUARY 2, BY LISTENING TO YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS AND OF OUR PRESENT PROSPECTS. SHOULD THIS NOT PROVE POSSIBLE, I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY CALL ON YOU IN NEW YORK SHOULD YOU BE THERE LATER IN FEBRUARY WHEN I RETURN
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